TESTIMONY

Dear Foundation Faith of God,

God bless you. Praise God for arranging our paths to cross at a time when I was ready for spiritual growth and understanding.

Praise God for the celebrations, workshops, and the fellowship. I especially want to thank the Lord for the opportunity to be a member of the Circle of Power, which has healed my friends, family, and helped my clients to find God. Praise God for your introducing me to the plight of the animals. God bless you in your new homes. May you continue to reach out and make life bearable in these End Times.

Margery Cunningham
Atlanta, Georgia

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests."

Luke 2:14

LAS VEGAS ADDRESS

The ministry's Las Vegas address, effective January 3, 1985, will be:

Faith Center
3055 S. Bronco
Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

All mail arriving at our current address after this date will be automatically forwarded.

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PROGRAMS

"...by their fruit you will recognize them."

Matthew 7:20

Faith Center is the southeastern headquarters of this ministry, and the base from which all our outreaches spring. It is where we hold our meetings, and where people come for counseling and prayer.

The Clown Ministry, our principal outreach, brings God's love and laughter to seriously and terminally ill children, and others who are institutionalised. Run by ministers, the program attracts volunteers, many of whom, with our help, have begun an outreach of the Clown Ministry in their own city (e.g. Birmingham, Durham, NC, etc.). Other branches of the Clown Ministry are active in Denver, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio in both civilian and military hospitals.

The Circle of Power, our international prayer fellowship, has members in many North American cities and overseas, with a very active membership in Ghana, West Africa. Members pray for those we meet in hospitals, as well as many, many others, who contact us by letter, phone, etc., and often involve themselves in hospital visiting locally.

Animal Action. Believing that God intends us to love and care for ALL His creation, we devote time and effort to the welfare of animals, working against abuse, and enlightening people as to the needs and plight of animals.

It has been shown that animals have a therapeutic and healing effect upon the institutionalised (pet therapy). Each week we visit with the elderly, who derive a great deal of joy from their four-legged and two-legged visitors!

FEEDBACK

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

- ☐ I am interested in joining your international healing prayer fellowship, the Circle of Power. Please send me information.

LITERATURE

I would like to receive the following literature.

- ☐ THE COMING KINGDOM
- ☐ GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
- ☐ JESUS LOVES YOU, SATAN HATES YOU
- ☐ SEVEN SERMONETTES
- ☐ LIVE AS SERVANTS OF GOD (An introduction to The Foundation Faith of God in Atlanta.)
- ☐ STATEMENT OF FAITH
- ☐ ANIMALS — A STATEMENT OF POSITION
- ☐ HEALING
- ☐ FISHERS OF MEN
- ☐ GOD'S PLAN — A PERSONAL TESTIMONY
- ☐ A WORD ABOUT LOVE
- ☐ WELCOME HOME
- ☐ THE FOUNDATION FAITH — HOWS, WHYS & WHERES
- ☐ A FOUNDATION STATEMENT— GOD, THE WORLD, THE MESSIAH, HEALING, THE FUTURE
- ☐ SPIRITUAL CONSULTATIONS

FAITH CASSETTES

Please send me the FAITH CASSETTES I have checked below. I enclose my check/money order for $5.50 for each cassette as a donation to your work.

- ☐ THE GIFTS OF HEALING — AN INTRODUCTION
- ☐ YOUR ARE A CHANNEL FOR GOD'S HEALING
- ☐ THE GIFT OF FAITH

The following FAITH CASSETTES are original compositions channeled by Rev. Andrew Michaels in which he sings and plays much of the music the Lord has given him over the past ten years. Each tape lasts 45 minutes.

- ☐ ... AND NOW, A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR ...
- ☐ SEASONS
- ☐ TALES OF WONDER

If you have checked any of the boxes above, please PRINT your name, address and phone number below, cut out this panel and mail it to: The Foundation Faith of God, PO Box 56411, Atlanta, GA. 30343

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NEWSBRIEFS

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We wish all our readers a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. May the Lord bless you all with great joy as we celebrate the birth of the Savior.

THE CLOWN MINISTRY

Dear Lilac the Clown,

We would like to thank you for bringing smiles and laughter to our young patients in Pediatrics. Our staff also thoroughly enjoyed your visit.

Lori Morrow
Tanner Memorial Hospital

Photo: Tanner Memorial Hospital

Rev. Grace Michaels introduces an apple balloon to this youngster at Tanner Memorial Hospital in Carrollton.

Needless to say, Christmas is a clown's busiest season, and this year is no exception!

Grady Hospital is staging a Christmas party for all former intensive care patients (children) and their siblings, December 5th. Coretta Scott King will attend, and the main organizer is clown volunteer, Jennifer Maxfield (Fluffy), a social worker on the staff of Grady, who works with children, their parents, and parents who have lost a child. 500 children are expected to attend and Lilac the clown (Rev. Grace Michaels) will be there to entertain the children with stories, magic tricks and music.

Then on December 9th, Lilac will again be a main attraction at another Christmas party for 300 children. This time the party will be put on by PACE, a parent's support group for cardiac children at Egleston Hospital. It will be held at American Legion Post #1 at Piedmont Park.

Recent weeks have seen several new clown volunteers, and several new hospitals visited. On top of that Rev. Abigail Johns, better known to you all as the minister in charge of our pet therapy program, has added the clown ministry to her portfolio of jobs. She has recently been going with Rev. Grace Michaels on the Wednesday evening visits, and has proved a big hit. If you see someone with a green wig you can be pretty sure it will be "Giggles," Rev. Johns' clown name!

Photo: Rev. Jana Bernadette

Lilac (Rev. Grace Michaels) entertains at Grady Hospital.

New hospitals visited have all been on the north side of Atlanta, Kennestone Hospital in Marietta, R. T. Jones Hospital in Canton, and Cherokee Automedic Hospital in Woodstock. Making all this possible has been the addition of three fine new volunteers, Jennifer DuBose, Andy Lombardi and Stephen Cagle. Stephen was already an accomplished clown when he met us, and goes by the clown name, "Jingles." Jennifer DuBose, with no previous clowning experience, proved to be a complete natural, making excellent contact with the children (the most important part of the clown's job). Andy comes from a family of committed Christians (his father is a minister) and met us through a classmate, Patrick Gallagher, who is already a clown volunteer. Praise the Lord for all of you.

"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Luke 2:10-12

ANIMAL ACTION

Photos: Rev. Matthew Canterlaub

Rev. Abigail Johns visits with a patient at a Buchanan nursing home. Yang, the pekingese, and Miss Piggy, the ginger cat, are on her knee while Teddy and Pippin stand by!

It is always a joy to hear of others, who, on their own initiative, discover the joy the Lord's creatures bring to those who are institutionalized for one reason or another. Ellen McSorley, R.S.M., is a nun and a good friend of the ministry. She works with the terminally ill at St. Joseph's Hospital in Atlanta, and has been particularly drawn to the pet therapy program as having particular relevance to her work. She recently took her cat to see many of the patients she tends and described the experience as great success. She is hoping to include this as a regular part of her work. God bless you, Ellen.

SPEADING THE MESSAGE

Rev. Abigail Johns recently addressed an audience of 100 honor students, all members of Sprayberry High Anchor Club and, at their request, told them about the various outreaches of the ministry, particularly the clown ministry and pet therapy programs. The club is a service organization, which does projects such as collecting food for the poor at Thanksgiving, and fulfiling other important community needs. Given the club's orientation, the members were naturally very interested in the activities of this ministry and expressed a particular interest in involving themselves with the clown ministry, starting at Kennestone Hospital.

NEWS FROM GHANA

Every month sees a steady flow of letters from our members in Ghana, which bring us much happiness. Many members have been asking for tapes, which are available from the ministry here, and have clearly felt moved by them. Musa Mensa writes, *"I received the cassettes in October. I am now in a village outside Sunyani and visit the prayer meeting on the weekend, which I enjoy very much. Many are interested in the cassette tapes and want to organize new members in the village."* He goes on to ask for further tapes and literature for the new members. A new member writes, *"After hearing the tapes I gave my heart and my life to our Lord Jesus Christ."* Praise the Lord for this wonderful news.

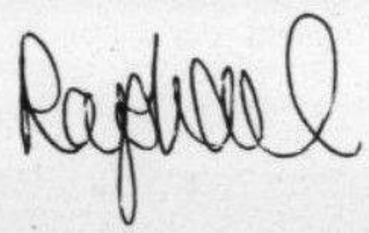
A FAMILY AFFAIR!

Photos: Rev. Matthew Canterlaub

Revs. Raphael de Peyer and Jana Bernadette

Revs. Raphael de Peyer and Jana Bernadette last month announced plans to be married, December 18th. The wedding will take place at 7PM at Faith Center and it is our hope that many of you will be able to attend.

This move will, for us, be both joyful and sad; joyful because we will be moving on to do more and different things for the Lord; sad because we will leave behind many beloved friends in a city that has been good to us. We hope that in the years to come we will have occasion to visit Atlanta again, but that, of course, is in the Lord's hands. We hope that we will see many of you to make our final farewells at our December 18th gathering. May God truly bless you all.



Rev. Raphael de Peyer
Director

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Luke 6:34

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Luke 6:21

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

On **Tuesday, December 18th, at 6:30PM** we will be holding a farewell gathering and celebration. We hope and pray that all of our many friends in the area will be able to attend this special occasion. While, of course, the Christmas period will be active, especially in the Clown Ministry, we anticipate a time at Faith Center, which, on a down-to-earth level, will be heavily taken up with final preparations for our departure.

What will happen in Las Vegas? While it is too early to say in great detail, we will begin the Clown Ministry as soon as we get there, and, of course, we will have a Faith Center to which people can come for services, prayer fellowship meetings and counseling. The ministry will be smaller than it has been in Atlanta, but with the Lord's help that need not mean we accomplish any less for Him!

The Newsletter. We will continue to produce a Newsletter, but initially at any rate it will be quarterly rather than monthly. However, the Circle of Power prayer fellowship letter and prayer list will continue to go out monthly, so if you would like to stay in monthly contact with the ministry, and more importantly, if you wish to devote a few moments each day to praying for those in need of healing, then I urge you to join the Circle of Power. Please complete the form below and mail it into us.

I would like to become a member of the Circle of Power:

Name _____

Address _____

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After this, there will be one more Newsletter, for December, after which you will hear from us next from Las Vegas. In that last Atlanta Newsletter we will publish an address for you to reach us in Las Vegas, but please rest assured that any mail sent to our Atlanta address after we leave will be forwarded to us. At the time of writing Rev. Jana Bernadette is in Las Vegas searching for a new Faith Center.

It was not long ago that we sent out our annual appeal, and we are deeply grateful for the response to that. However, to those of you who are still considering your response to that appeal I would say this: this move, which we are not undertaking because we like moving around the country!, but because the good Lord has instructed us to do it, will cost a few thousand dollars. I, therefore, urge you to consider our appeal favorably. And if you have already contributed, but are able to send in something extra, then we will deeply appreciate your kindness.

Before finally closing, I want to thank two wonderful sisters, Ruth and Ruby Crawford, whose building we have leased since June. Without their help, kindness and understanding none of these exciting events would be possible. May God truly bless you both.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

"The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

John 3:8

Photo: Rev. Matthew Carmenlaub

Rev. Raphael de Peyer preaching at Calvary Temple.

It is sometimes said that the Lord moves in mysterious ways! Well, the reason for this special edition is perhaps not so much mysterious as very surprising. Very simply the Lord has guided us to undertake a dramatic departure (in both senses of that word) from our normal routine. In short, He has guided us to move our ministry and re-locate in Las Vegas, 2,000 miles west, at the end of the year.

In order to fill out the picture for you let me dwell on some of the more down-to-earth reasons for our move.

It has been a little over 6 years since Rev. Jana Bernadette and I arrived from New York to begin the ministry here. During that time the Lord has blessed us mightily. Not only has He given us a steadily expanding staff of colleagues, permitting us to expand the scope of the ministry itself, but He has also blessed us with truly beautiful premises for the ministry as it has increased in size, and therefore in its building needs. However, the greatest reward of all has been the fact that the Lord has brought us in touch with all of you. It is this fact that enables us to contemplate this move, and know that the work of this ministry will be continued in the Atlanta area through your dedication. It is this fact, more than any other, that permits us to go on and conquer new fields for the Lord, and I doubt that anyone will disagree with the fact that Las Vegas is a field that needs to be conquered for the Lord!

Another factor, which is known to some of you, is this: prior to entering the ministry 21 years ago I was an architect. I have known, most especially recently, that the Lord would sooner or later require me to re-activate that gift. That call has come much sooner that any of us anticipated! A little under a year ago the national ministry purchased some land in southern Utah in order to build a much larger animal sanctuary and retreat center than was possible on our existing property at Faith Canyon. However, what we purchased was land—no buildings! It is very beautiful and dramatic country, and over the past nine months my colleagues in southern Utah have been building, doing almost all the work themselves. This work has progressed more quickly than we dreamed possible, and so it has come time for me and some of my colleagues at Faith Center to go and help with this very major project. Las Vegas is the nearest large city with the necessary libraries and sources of technical information, and so I will be spending time in both locations, heading up the ministry as I do here, but also working on our building projects.

How and by whom will the ministry be continued in Atlanta? Ken and Jennifer Maxfield will be the main contact people concerning ministry activity. Ken will be our legal representative in Georgia, and Jennifer will be heading the **Clown Ministry.** Both of them have received considerable training as counselors by the ministry, and will be available for **counseling.** You may reach them by calling **(404) 634-6615,** or by writing **2167 Fairway Circle, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30319.**

Photo: Rev. Matthew Carmenlaub

Ken and Jennifer Maxfield.

The Circle of Power. Our prayer fellowship meetings will continue at the home of **Margery Cunningham,** and will be conducted and hosted by **Bob Kellar** and her. Starting on the first Thursday in 1985, they will be held at 7PM every Thursday at **1686 Bristol Drive, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30329.** Both of them have had much experience, and I urge you to go along as often as possible. I know you will find the experience inspiring and rewarding. For more information, please call **(404) 633-4420.**

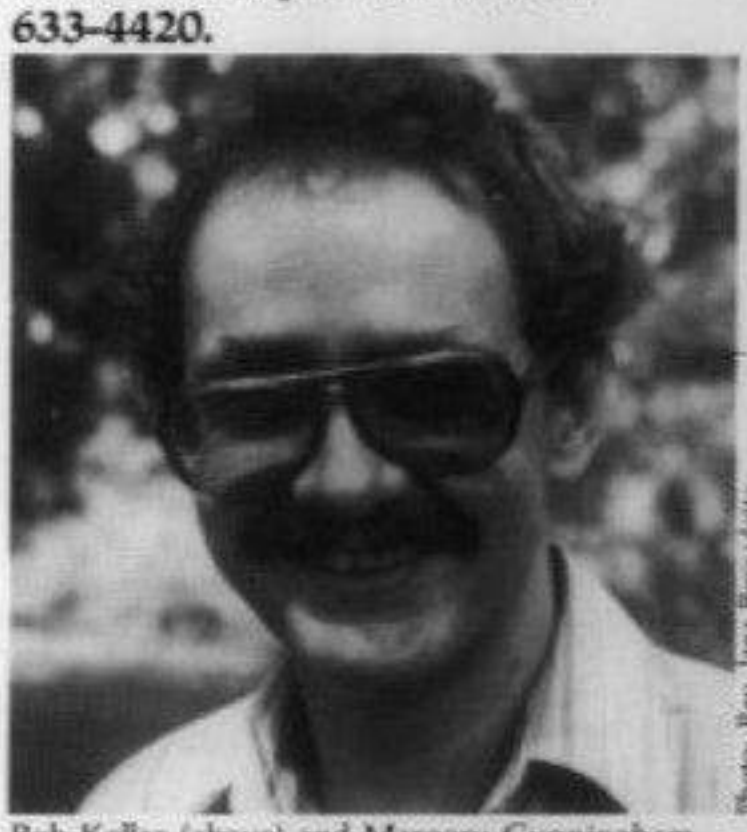

Photo: Rev. Jana Bernadette

Bob Kellar (above) and Margery Cunningham.

Photo: Rev. Jana Bernadette

Both of them will also be heading the **Animal Action** ministry. Bob will continue to work primarily directly with the animals, while Margery will continue to work in close association with our very dear friend, Jane Bass, Georgia Co-ordinator for Mobilization for Animals, pursuing the wonderful work she has been doing for some time.

Keith Stovall will be pursuing the Pet Therapy program, and if you are interested you may reach him at **(404) 942-5788.**

This is just a small selection of the very talented group of people to whom we are able to hand over many of our functions for the Lord. Praise Him for blessing this ministry with knowing you all.

Meetings. If you are interested in knowing more about the shape of the ministry in the Atlanta area in 1985, or you would like to volunteer your time in one of its many endeavors, we invite you to come to a special meeting, which will deal with these matters, and which will be held at **Faith Center** in **Villa Rica** at **12 Noon on Saturday, December 8th.** All welcome.

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